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2	5/23/44	letter from HQ to WFO	1	1	
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4	10/17/44	letter from HQ to WFO	1	1	
5	11/19/44	WFO report to HQ	11	8	
5	11/28/44	letter from Bureau to Interdepartmental Committee of Employee Investigations with enclosures & copy of enclosure	1/2	1	
6	11/14/44	letter from WFO to HQ	1	1	
7	11/21/44	letter from HQ to WFO	1	1	
8	11/27/44	letter from WFO to HQ	1	1	
9	7/13/45	letter from Ambassador to asked to Bureau	1	1	

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10	8/28/45	letter from HQ to WFO	1	1	
11	10/15/45	letter from WFO to HQ	1	0	
11	11/20/45	letter from Bureau to Justice Dept.	3	3	
12	10/15/45	letter from WFO to HQ	1	1	
13	12/13/45	letter from another gov't agency to Bureau	1	1	
13	1/4/46	letter from Bureau to Justice Dept.	1	1	
14	3/25/46	letter from another gov't agency to Bureau	1	1	
14	4/12/46	letter from HQ to WFO	1	1	
15	6/8/48	WFO: LHM to HQ	1	0	
16	6/8/48	letter from WFO to HQ	2	0	
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18	10/25/48	letter from WFO to HQ	4	0	
19	12/3/48	letter from WFO to HQ	1	0	
20	2/7/49	letter from WFO to HQ	1	1	
NOT RECORDED	5/24/49	letter from WFO to HQ	1	0	
NOT RECORDED	7/6/49	memo	1	0	
21	10/27/49	WFO report to HQ with copy of cover sheet	3	3	1 DUPE
22	7/14/53	letter from Richmond to HQ	2	2	
23	8/25/53	NY report to HQ	29	25	
23	8/25/53	letter from NY to HQ	1	1	
24	11/25/53	letter from NY to HQ	1	1	
25	5/14/54	letter from SF to HQ	1	1	

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26	6/3/54	NY report to HQ	20	15	
27	8/31/54	Letter from LA to HQ	1	—	BUFILE # 101-2483
28	9/20/54	LA airtel to HQ	1	—	NY FILE # 100-37158
29	11/20/54	WFO letter to HQ	3	3	
30	3/8/55	LA airtel to HQ	1	0	
31	4/11/55	NY report to HQ	8	6	
32	5/27/55	LA report to HQ	18	12	
33	9/29/55	Letter from NY to HQ	2	2	
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34	11/4/55	NY report to HQ	9	8	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: MRS. HELEN GURRITZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

This letter received _____
(Date)

The source of complaint

Alleged indices of Communist "Front" Organizations

(Name)

(Address)

Summary of Complaint

Alleged to be on indices or mailing lists of Communist "Front" Organizations

This case after due consideration has been placed in a deferred status. It will receive appropriate attention immediately when personnel is available.

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Very truly yours,

SA K. MOKRY
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

FILE NO. **100-3074**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-25-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22/44	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM H. WHALEY WHW:MES
TITLE HELEN LEVITZ GUREWITZ with aliases Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz, Mrs. Casey Gurewitz			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was born March 3, 1918 at Washington, D. C. She resides at 4833 Reservoir Road, Washington, D. C. and is employed at the Bureau of Standards as Junior Physicist. Her name appears on active indices of American Peace Mobilization and Washington Committee for Democratic Action. Subject reported member of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia and to have attended Communist Party meeting in February 1944. Subject's husband CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ alias Casey, is key figure in Communist Party in the District of Columbia and has been active Communist for several years.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from [redacted] who advised that subject's name appears on the official records of the Communist Party for 1933, and all information received from highly confidential sources is to the effect that subject's name appears on indices of Communist front organizations.

[redacted] advised that the name of subject was listed on indices of the American Peace Mobilization and that the name of subject's husband, CLARENCE GUREWITZ also is listed on these indices.

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[redacted] advised that the name of HELEN
GERSWITZ and CHARLES GERSWITZ at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, VIRGINIA,
is listed on the indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic
Action. It is believed that the persons above referred to are the
subject of this case and her husband. b2

[redacted] whose identity is known to the
Bureau, advised that on the official records of the Communist Party for
the District of Columbia for 1943 the name of subject appears as a
member of the Party and as a Government worker. b7D

[redacted] also advised that during April of
1943 the name of subject and her husband was mentioned in a discussion
between two prominent members of the Communist Party of the District of
Columbia. b7D

[redacted] whose identity is known to the
Bureau, advised that in October 1941 [redacted] advised a member of the
Party that he wished to get in touch with subject. b2

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The files of the Washington Field Division reflect that subject's husband has been reported to this office as a Communist agitator and an active Communist leader in the District of Columbia for several years.

[redacted] advised that subject's husband, CLARENCE GUREWITZ was arrested in Washington, D. C. on March 14, 1938 for picketing the Embassy and that while attending Washington University in 1933 subject's husband was a member of the Liberal Club, a radical group. This informant also advised that in April 1935 GUREWITZ acted as chairman of the Student Strike Against War meeting held on the George Washington University campus at which meeting many of the well known Communists and radicals were in attendance.

[redacted] have advised that meetings have been held on numerous occasions in the home of subject and her husband and it is believed that these meetings are attended by Communists and persons of Communistic tendencies.

[redacted] advised that subject's husband has been active in the Communist Party since 1938.

The City Directory for 1943 lists the following persons residing at 4833 Reservoir Road, N.W.:

CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ, waiter at Statler Hotel
HELEN L. GUREWITZ, employed Bureau of Standards

The files of the Office of Price Administration, 5601 Connecticut Avenue, reflect the following persons in subject's family as of May 25, 1943.

CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ, born December 1914
HELEN L. GUREWITZ, born March 1918
SIDNEY F. GUREWITZ, born October 1939.

The records of Civil Service Commission reflect an application signed by HELEN L. GUREWITZ, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, in which she applied for a position with the Bureau of Standards as Technical and Scientific Aide. On this application she stated she was born at Washington, D.C. March 3, 1918 and that she attended the McKinley

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Technical High School from 1931 to 1934 and the Wilson Teachers College at Washington, D. C. from 1934 to 1939 where she received a B. S. Degree. She stated she was married on January 22, 1939. The parents were listed as MAX WITKE, father, at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, born in Russia in 1885 and ROSA WITKE, mother, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, born in Russia in 1889.

Among the references listed on the application was the name of

It will be noted that [redacted] has been reported to the Washington Field Division as a member of the Communist Party for many years and active in the International Workers Order.

The files of the Bureau of Standards which were made available by [redacted] at the Personnel Office, reflect that subject has been employed at the Bureau of Standards since January 2, 1942. Subject entered on duty as a Laboratory Apprentice at \$1260. per annum. On July 26, 1942 she was promoted to Assistant Physical Science Aide, \$1620 per annum and on December 24, 1942 she was promoted to Junior Physicist at \$2,000 per annum.

In view of the fact that it has been ascertained that subject is employed by the United States Government, this case is being closed and no further investigation is being conducted unless advised to do so by the Bureau.

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REPORT BY NAME

6-1-10-1 was born April 3, 1914 at Seabright, D.C. - she resides at 1133 Asafvold Road, Washington, D.C. and is employed at the Bureau of Standards as Junior Physiologist. Her name appears on active indices of American Mobilization and Washington Committee for Democratic Action. Subject is for 1944 member of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia and to have attended Communist Party meeting in February 1944. Subject's husband, CLARENCE D. GREENE alias Casey, is key figure in Communist Party in the District of Columbia and has been active Communist for several years.

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3. Information is predicated upon information received from [redacted] who advised that subject's name appears on "List of Members of the Communist Party for 1933," and all information received from highly confidential sources is to the effect that subject's name appears on indices of Communist front organizations.

advised that the name of subject was listed on index of the American Peace Mobilization and that the name of subject, RUSSELL, CARLTON ROBERT, also is listed on these indices.

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Washington, D. C.

May 23, 1944

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SAC, Washington

RE: HELEN LEVITER GUREWITZ, was
Department of Commerce
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William H. Whaley, dated April 23, 1944 at Washington, D. C., your file 100-3074.

In view of the information which you have received, you are authorized to institute an immediate investigation in accordance with the instructions contained in Section 24 of the National Defense Manual.

If it is determined that the subject is no longer employed by the Federal Government, the Bureau should be advised by letter and the investigation, in so far as it pertains to Section 9-A of the Hatch Act, should be discontinued.

The investigative reports in cases of this character are submitted to the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations and the employing agency. They must be prepared carefully and promptly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Washington

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HELEN LEVITER OREWITZ, was
Department of Commerce
INTERNAL SECURITY - RACE ACT

A review of the Bureau's file in this matter fails to reflect the receipt of an investigative report.

This matter should, accordingly, be afforded immediate attention looking toward an early completion of this case.

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SAC, Washington

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HELEN LEVITZ GUREWITZ, was born [redacted]
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

This matter should be afforded immediate attention so that a complete report may be submitted by November 2, 1944.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

FILE NO. **100-3074**

REPORT MADE AT: WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-14-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/23, 27-29, 7/19, 21, 24, 27, 29, 31; 8/10, 14, 9/16, 10/6, 21, 25, 26; 11/3, 8/44	REPORT MADE BY: ANKER B. HARBO AHE:GAL, HS
TITLE CHARGED: HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, aka Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz, s. Mrs. Casey Gurewitz, Helen Gurewitz			CHARACTER OF CASE: HATCH ACT
JR. PHYSICIST, OPTICAL DIVISION, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, 2136 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, a Government Employee since January 2, 1942, is presently employed as a Junior Physicist, Optics Division, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce. Information has been received that she is associated with the Communist Party. Reliable confidential informants furnished information relating to official records of the Communist Party reflecting that the name of HELEN GUREWITZ appears therein.

Her mother, CLARENCE DARRON GUREWITZ, is Secretary of the Communist Political Association, formal successor to the Communist Party. She has associated with known members of the Communist Party, according to the informants. Former instructors of Mrs. GUREWITZ at Wilson Teachers College describe her as active in student discussion groups. They had no information regarding her possible membership in the Communist Party. Fellow workers have no information regarding her purported connection with the Communist Party. They say her work is performed satisfactorily. Neighborhood investigation reflects no derogatory information regarding her. In signed statement HELEN GUREWITZ denied membership in or participation in the activities of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association, or that she has advocated the

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overthrow of the Government.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 100-4724

Bureau letter dated May 23, 1944.

DETAILS:

The title of this report has been marked changed in order that the name of HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ may be dropped from the title. A review of Mrs. GUREWITZ' file at the National Bureau of Standards reflects that the correct spelling of her name is HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, as shown in the title. The name of HELEN GUREWITZ is added to the title in view of the use of that name by Informants of this office.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.I. PERSONAL HISTORY

A. A check of the records of the Civil Service Commission 7th and G Streets, N. W., reflected that HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ was born March 3, 1918, at Washington, D. C. She attended the McKinley Technical High School from 1931 to 1934 and the Wilson Teachers College at Washington, D. C. from 1934 to 1939. She received a BS Degree from the latter institution in 1939. Her parents were listed as MAX LEVITOV, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, and ROSE EITEN LEVITOV of the same address. According to this record her father was born in Russia in 1885 and her mother was born in Russia in 1889. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ was married on February 21, 1938 to CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ. A check of the records at the Personnel Office of the Bureau of Standards reflected that Mrs. GUREWITZ presently resides at 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

B. The personnel records at the Bureau of Standards also reflected that Mrs. GUREWITZ was employed as a salesgirl and buyer from September, 1940, to September, 1941, at the New York Bargain House, 3135 M Street, N. W., which store was owned by J. GUREWITZ, 3214 18th Street, N. W. As a matter of possible interest, it is noted that J. GUREWITZ is the father-in-law of HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ.

Mrs. GUREWITZ entered on duty January 2, 1942, as an Under-Laboratory Apprentice in the Optics Division of the Bureau of Standards at a salary of \$1260.00 per annum. On July 24, 1942, she was promoted to Assistant Physical Science Aid (Physics) at a salary of \$1620.00 per annum. On December 24, 1942, she was promoted to Junior Physicist (Optics) at a salary of \$2000.00 per annum and on July 1, 1944, she was given a within grade raise in salary to \$2100.00 per annum.

II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Information was received from a confidential informant, hereinafter designated as [redacted] that the name of HELEN GUREWITZ, identified therein as a Government Employee at the Bureau of Standards, appeared in organizational memorandums in the possession of a known member of the Communist Party.

[redacted]

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III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

[redacted] advised that he had observed organizational records of a known member of the Communist Party. b7c

[redacted] further advised that the name of HELEN GUREWITZ, known therein as a Government Employee at the Bureau of Standards, appeared in the memoranda mentioned above.

It is noted that CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ, whose nick name is "CASEY", is the husband of HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, and he is Secretary of the Communist Political Association in the District of Columbia, according to the current letterhead of that organization. CASEY GUREWITZ has been known as an active leader in the affairs of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia for several years.

[redacted] advised that the name HELEN GUREWITZ appeared in the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization. As a matter of possible interest the same informant advised that the name CLARENCE GUREWITZ appeared likewise in the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization, and it is believed that this individual is identical with the husband of HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ. It is also noted that the American Peace Mobilization is further described as that organization which picketed the White House for several days, discontinuing this activity on the day Germany invaded Russia. The name of this organization was then changed to the American Peoples Mobilization. b7D

[redacted] provided information that the names HELEN GUREWITZ and CLARENCE GUREWITZ, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, were listed in the indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. The Washington Committee for Democratic Action is further described as the successor organization to the American Peoples Mobilization. b7D

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[redacted] advised that in May, 1944, the Informant observed the official membership records of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia and the name of HELEN GUREWITZ, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, appears therein with the names of other individuals designated therein and by the Informant as connected with the White Collar Workers Branch No. 12 of the Communist Party.

[redacted] who is an instructor at the Wilson Teachers College, [redacted] is acquainted with Mrs. GUREWITZ and regards the latter on the basis of her college activities.

[redacted] at the Bureau of Standards, provided substantially the same information as that provided by [redacted]. This Informant stated that Mrs. GUREWITZ has done a high grade of work for the Bureau of Standards, having recently published a technical article in a Bureau publication.

[redacted] provided [redacted] the same information as provided by [redacted].

[redacted] provided the same information as that provided in the interviews with [redacted].

[redacted] advised that she has known the latter for about ten years. She stated that she did not know Mrs. GUREWITZ very well, but that she knew of nothing regarding her that would indicate that she is not loyal to this country. [redacted] were contacted. All of them stated that they had known Mrs. GUREWITZ casually for several years, and that they regarded her as a loyal citizen. They furnished no derogatory information regarding her.

[redacted] have advised that meetings were held on numerous occasions in the home at this address while Mrs. GUREWITZ resided there.

IV. INTERVIEW WITH EMPLOYEE

On November 3, 1944, HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ was afforded an interview at the Washington Field Office. The stenographic notes of the interview were transcribed and on November 8, 1944, she returned to the Washington Field Office, at which time she read the statement, stated it was correct, signed the second page and initialed the first page. The original copy of this statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. Her statement is as follows:

Interview with Mrs. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ at the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, November 3, 1944, in the presence of Special Agent LOGAN J. LANE and Stenographer PHYLLIS E. THOMPSON, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Questions by Agent LANE.

Mr. LANE: Mrs. GUREWITZ, we have requested your voluntary appearance here today, not for the purpose of conducting a hearing but in order that you may answer some questions concerning an investigation currently being made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to enable you to make such comments as you might wish to make concerning this inquiry. You may decline to answer any questions propounded to you. As you may be aware, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required by Presidential Directive to investigate matters coming within the purview of Public Law No. 252, 76th Congress. This law prohibits membership on the part of any Federal employee in a political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States. A copy of the report of this investigation, which will include your statement, will be furnished the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations and the agency by which you are employed. After the notes of the interview have been transcribed you will be given an opportunity to read them and make such changes as you may desire.

In order that the statements made by you may have particular credence, you will be placed under oath if you have no objection.

Q. Will you please stand and raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

A. I do.

Q. What is your name, please?

A. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ.

Q. And what is your present address?

A. 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Q. By what department of the United States Government are you employed?

A. It is the Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards.

Q. And in what particular capacity?

A. I am a physicist.

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. I am not and I never have been.

Q. Do you now or have you ever participated in the activities of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. I have not.

Q. Are you a member of any organization which you have reason to believe is dominated by the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. None whatsoever.

Q. Are you a member of any organization which you have reason to believe may be controlled by or its policies dictated by a foreign government?

A. No.

Q. Do you presently advocate or have you ever advocated any change in the constitutional form of government which we have in the United States.

A. No.

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, do you desire to relate the names of organizations, other than labor unions or churches, in which you presently hold membership?

A. I don't believe there are any such. There are no such. I am chairman of a Red Cross knitting group but would that fall in that category?

Mr. LANE: Well, you can just list any organizations you desire.

A. That would be the only thing.

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, is there anything further that you would like to say which you feel may be pertinent to this inquiry and which may be necessary to fully clarify the circumstances surrounding it? Any voluntary statement on your part that you would like to make will be included.

A. I don't know of anything else pertinent to this that I might have to say.

s/ HELEN L. GUREWITZ

WITNESS:

s/ LOGAN J. LANE, FBI
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO: INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

FROM: Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
HATCH ACT INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT:

Pursuant to Section 9-A of the Hatch Act an investigation has been conducted concerning Helen Levitor Ourevits, an employee of the Department of Commerce. Accordingly, there are attached two copies of the following investigative report:

Report of Special Agent Asher S. Karbo dated November 24, 1944 at Washington, D. C.

In order that the Bureau's records may be complete, I should greatly appreciate receiving the Committee's advice as to the ultimate disposition made of this matter by the Department of Commerce.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: November 14, 1944

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, aka.,
 Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz, Mrs. Casey
 Gurewitz, Helen Gurewitz,
 Jr. Physicist, Optics Division,
 Bureau of Standards
 Department of Commerce
 HATCH ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent ANKER B. HARBO dated November 14, 1944.

Attention is called to the information provided by [redacted] who was designated as [redacted] to further protect his identity. The records of this office reflect that [redacted] advised that as of May 6, 1944, he had observed the official membership records of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia and that the following information concerning Mrs. GUREWITZ appeared therein:

On a slip of paper bearing a list of names appeared the name, "HELEN GUREWITZ, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia". At the top of the paper appeared the notation "W. C. 12". It is believed that this notation referred to White Collar Group #12 and that the names appearing on the paper were names of individuals who had been assigned to that group.

Attention is also called to the information provided by [redacted] who was designated as [redacted] to further protect his identity. The records of this office show that on June 14, 1943, [redacted] provided a slip of paper on which the following information was recorded with reference to Mrs. GUREWITZ:

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- The following is, as promised, listing of all 6 people I now have. In some cases you might wish to reconsider.

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It is believed that this list referred to Government employees who were members of the Communist Party.

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SAC, Washington

November 20, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

HELEN LEVITAN GUREWITZ, aka

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

On May 23, 1944 you were authorized to conduct a Hatch Act investigation in this matter and on October 17, 1944 you were directed to submit a report to the Bureau by November 2, 1944.

A review of the Bureau's file in this matter fails to reflect the receipt of an investigative report. This case should be afforded immediate attention and a report submitted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 27, 1944

FROM : SAC CUY HOTTEL, Washington D.C.

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, aka

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HATCH ACT

(Bureau File #100-4724)

Reference is made to your letter dated November 20, 1944 regarding HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, identical with the above-captioned individual.

This is to advise that a review of the Washington Field Office File on the subject reflects that a closing report was submitted to the Bureau dated November 14, 1944.

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Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

My dear Mr. Hoover:

In the matter of Mrs. Helen Levitov Gurewitz
Employee
National Bureau of Standards
Department of Commerce

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 29, 1944 transmitting for attention pursuant to Executive Order No. 9300 copies of an investigative report relative to the employee above named.

There is enclosed the original transcript of a preliminary hearing accorded the employee on January 11, 1945 before a committee of the employing agency.

The investigative report ascribes to certain informants information which, if true, indicates that the employee has been a member of the Communist Party. The employee has categorically denied that information. In view of the circumstances it would be desirable, if possible, to procure additional information to resolve that conflict. It is desired particularly to know, with respect to each of the informants who furnished information indicating Party membership, whether he can amplify the information furnished, any additional facts with respect to his credibility and reliability, and whether corroborating information can be procured.

The matter is, therefore, referred to you for any additional information or reports that it may be desirable and feasible to furnish. Please return to the Interdepartmental Committee the enclosed transcript when you have completed such additional attention as may be accorded this case.

Very truly yours,

Herbert E. Gaston

Herbert E. Gaston
Chairman

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Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
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Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 30, 1945

TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM: Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

In the matter of Mrs. Helen Levitov Gurewitz
Employee
National Bureau of Standards
Department of Commerce

Reference is made to the letter dated July 13, 1945 to
you from the Committee.

There is attached hereto the transcript mentioned in the
second paragraph of the letter. The inadvertent failure to
transmit the transcript with the letter is regretted.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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In the letter of the alleged sub-
versive activities of (Mrs.) Helen
Goretsky, an employee of the National
Bureau of Standards, Department of Com-
merce, at Washington, D. C.

Statement of Helen Goretsky

Pursuant to notice to all concerned, a committee including
Joseph E. Rife, Jr., Solicitor, Commerce Department (Chairman, ex-officio),
Donald Ryan, Chief Clerk, Commerce Department, and Mr. E. C. Callender,
an Assistant Director of the National Bureau of Standards, Commerce De-
partment, conducted a hearing in Room 5304 Commerce Building, Washington,
D. C., into the alleged subversive activities of Helen Goretsky, an
employee of the said Department.

No other persons attended, except the above named employees
of the members of said Committee.

Between 11:25 a. m. and 12:10 p. m. of the 11th of January,
1945, the above mentioned hearing was held and the following proceedings
were had:

Joseph E. Rife, Jr., Solicitor, Commerce Department, on the 1st of November, 1944,
was interviewed by an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
tion in connection with their investigation of Federal employees
suspected of subversion of Congress; and at that time you were
present and your interview, together with their report, would be
forwarded to the Department; and I might add that we have received

that report and have gone over it.

Variable (continuing): The Secretary of Commerce has appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Harold Ryan, the chief clerk of this department, and a representative of the bureau concerned - in this instance Mr. J. C. Williamson, an assistant director of the National Bureau of Standards - and myself, to review these reports and to accord to the employees a personal interview to clear up any discrepancies that may be in our minds.

Variable (continuing): I might say, Mr. Williams, that you are not under any charges. The committee is attempting to get at a complete picture of your alleged subversive activities, so that we shall be in a position to report to the Secretary of Commerce our views with respect to the matter, together with the statements which you may give here, your answers to our questions, which will be considered together with the report of the FBI and any other evidence we might obtain. The Secretary of Commerce doesn't want to have charges filed against any employee in his department, unless the evidence warrants it. He is very anxious to corroborate any employee where the evidence justifies it, and on the other hand, it is the duty of the Secretary to know whether or not the employee has been engaged in subversive activities or associations of a type which the law demands that he take action. So, this morning, Mr. Williams, we have asked you to come here, to see if you are willing to discuss these matters with us, and if there is any matter that may embarrass you, or if you feel that any question might jeopardize your rights, you are perfectly free to say, No, I will not discuss it.

Mr. Trumble (continuing): Under these conditions do you wish us to proceed and examine you in connection with the FBI report?

Mrs. Gurewitz: Yes.

Mr. Trumble: During the investigation and interview by the FBI, you made the statement that you were not a member of the Communist Party, nor were you a member of the Communist Party Political Association; do you recall that, Mrs. Gurewitz?

Mrs. Gurewitz: Yes.

Mr. Trumble: And also you stated that you were not now, nor have you ever participated in the activities of the Communist Party, nor in the activities of the Communist Political Association; do you recall that?

Mrs. Gurewitz: Yes, it's true that I made those statements.

Mr. Trumble: We have some evidence here, Mrs. Gurewitz, in these reports that indicates that you were a member of the organization known as the American Peace Mobilization, and that you also were a member of an organization known as the American People's Mobilization; do you recall that? do you recall whether you were a member of either of these organizations, and if so, will you tell us what were your activities?

Mrs. Gurewitz: I was not a member of that organization.

Mr. Trumble (interposing): What is the American Peace Mobilization?

Mrs. Gurewitz: (S) That organization, I think is all Father was in the past, as I remember it, and the situation is rather vague, I may

has not been established to such a point, and the other name isn't

the whole. I don't say that the influence that we've been
exercising is that the Western people's participation was in any direction
that was part of the machine league for peace and democracy, and this
organization was very active, I think, from about 1926 or 1927 until
after Germany's withdrawal, when it was dissolved, and I believe, on
the following day -- within several days -- it changed its name to the
League for Democracy and Civilization.

and I don't have attended possibly one such meeting. Further, than that I know of no leftists or radicals in connection with such a group. /5-

1. Principle: Do not recall or in collect any subscriptions for
 this organization?

Parentitz: partially not.

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Mr. Noble: What about the other group -- the American

People's Mobilization, which was formed

Parents (Interviewing): That's what I saw. No recollection, no

Mr. Fricable: Were you acquainted with anyone who was active in

the American Peace Mobilization, or the other group - the American
People's Mobilization?

Mr. Schwartz: I don't know of anyone specifically, but I do
know that people with whom I came in contact took part in demon-
strations - of the American Peace Mobilization - and those people may
have been active in it - I have no personal knowledge of such activities.

Mr. Trumbull: And you visited my father, the purpose of which
was to discuss the collection for the Red?

Mr. Schwartz: No.

Mr. Trumbull: To your father and the Committee one of the
American Peace Mobilization?

Mr. Schwartz: In World War I.

Mr. Trumbull: One of working at the Bureau of Standards in
the month of May, 1942? When did you first enter in any of the
National Bureau of Standards?

Mr. Schwartz: He joined in 17 January, 1942.

Mr. Trumbull: Where were you working at the time that Germany
invaded Russia?

Mr. Schwartz: If I recall correctly it was the 1st week
at the New York Central Station, which is a station owned by the Government.

Mr. Trumbull: When?

Mr. Schwartz: It was your father's house?

Mr. Schwartz: Yes.

Mr. Trumbull: And you recall attending any meeting or business
before or after, or shortly before or shortly after the invasion of

Q. Now, in which the question was discussed?

A. I don't recall exactly, such as, for example, that I had been quite ill and, as a matter of fact, at the beginning of December, 1941, I had an operation, so I probably didn't do very much in any sort of way during that time.

Q. Now, I am talking about the Washington Committee for Democratic Action? Do you know anything about that organization?

A. I have never been a member of that organization, nor do I know very much about it.

Q. Now, Mrs. Gurewitz, at the time, as I understand from the information that has been furnished the committee here, you were in charge of the white collar workers' membership records of the Communist Party? Can you clear that up for the committee?

A. I certainly do not have any information.

Q. (Interposing): Couldn't you know whether you were connected with that organization, keeping its records -- do you recall that?

A. The only thing that I can say is that I was never connected with such an organization, by the farthest stretch of one's imagination.

Q. (Interposing): All the committee here is trying to do,

Mrs. Gurewitz, is to clarify that situation, to clear it up for us.

A. Yes.

Q. Now, when you believe definitely whether or not, since the beginning of the year 1941, at any time you were keeping any records of any such organization -- didn't you and its name -- you have been --

and you keeping records for my organization - that is a simple question - you'd know whether or not you were, wouldn't you - you'd certainly remember it, wouldn't you, Mrs. Burdette?

Mrs. Burdette: No, what was not. I am just trying to think of anything that would possibly be connected in such a light; I'm absolutely that I was not.

Do not, Mrs. Burdette, that was during the period that you say you were working for Dr. George Burdette; what kind of duties did you have at that time, Mrs. Burdette?

Mrs. Burdette: I was a sales clerk and I had very little else to do, besides taking a sales clerk in making as cashier - that sort of

Q. Now, Mrs. Burdette, you know a person by the name of Sadie Sokolore?

Mrs. Burdette: No, I don't believe I do.

Q. Now, you know a man named Martin Chancey?

Mrs. Burdette: I may possibly have heard such a name.

Q. You do not know him, personally?

Mrs. Burdette: No, I don't know him.

Q. And you do not know Sadie Sokolore?

Mrs. Burdette: No.

Q. Now, didn't you at one time take over the duties of her as membership secretary of the Communist Party/her absence?

Mrs. Burdette: No.

Q. Now, you know a person named Charlotte Gunt?

Mrs. Burdette: No.

Q. Now, from 1913 until 1917?

A. Yes, I do not know.

Q. Now, from 1917 until 1921?

A. Yes, from 1917 until 1921, I was in the United States.

Q. During that time, I am assuming that you were in the United States?

A. Yes, I was in the United States during that period.

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to mention say that it was a situation that could have occurred at almost any time, and I was not referring to any specific time in relation to that.

Mr. Ryan: At the present time, Mrs. Curran, are you living under like conditions?

Mrs. Curran: I am divorced now, legally.

Mr. Ryan: You're not living under the same roof with him?

Mrs. Curran: No, I haven't. That was for my child's sake.

and I still regard it as a mistake to continue living under the same roof with my husband. We were for quite some time, after we broke off relations. I later decided that it was definitely a mistake and that

it was better to dissolve the whole thing so I've been living with my child's mother since October, 1945.

Mr. Ryan: When did you begin to living at 235 Mac Highway?

Mrs. Curran: 235 Mac Highway, yes.

Mr. Callahan: Was it during one of these periods, Mrs. Curran, that you lived with your husband under the same roof on MacArthur Road?

Mrs. Curran: Yes.

Mr. Callahan: Did you have occasion when you were living there, to see your husband?

Mrs. Curran: Yes.

Mr. Callahan: Did you see him and or mail he received?

Mrs. Curran: Oh, I did.

Mr. Callahan: At that time he was receiving Communist mail, wasn't he?

Mrs. Curran: I don't care to say anything in connection with anyone.

Mr. Callahan:

Mr. Stevenson: Did you receive any communist communications during that time?

Mrs. Burwitz: No.

Mr. Stevenson: That's all I have now, Mr. Winkler.

Mr. Winkler: Mrs. Burwitz, do you recall where you lived during the full months of the year 1947?

Mrs. Burwitz: I was living at 4833 Reservoir Road, when, I think,

Mr. Winkler: Did you, in the fall of 1947, contact a member of the Communist Party for the purpose of seeing that individual's permission to hold a communist meeting at that individual's home?

Mrs. Burwitz: No.

Mr. Winkler: I understood you to say, in answer to one of Mr. Ryan's questions, that you didn't know a Santa Sabalone, who is alleged to be the wife of one Arthur Sabalone?

Mrs. Burwitz: That is so; I do not know her.

Mr. Winkler: According to the information the Committee has here, it indicates that in the summer months of the year 1943 - were you living at that time, Mrs. Burwitz?

Mrs. Burwitz: Yes. At that time I was living at 2135 Macdonald Avenue.

Mr. Winkler: The information is now reflecting to indicate that in the summer of 1943 Santa Sabalone was to leave the City of Washington for about two months and that someone could take over her duties in charge of the maintenance of the Communist Party during her absence, and that you, Mrs. Burwitz, were suggested as the individual to substitute

for Basil Sokolov, during the latter's absence, do you know anything about that?

Mrs. Furwitz: No.

Mr. Trumble: Do you don't know Basil Sokolov? Have you ever heard of her?

Mrs. Furwitz: I don't think so.

Mr. Trumble: Do you know a Mrs. Martin Chancey?

Mrs. Furwitz: No.

Mr. Trumble: Now, I believe Mr. Ryan asked you where you lived during the month of September, 1943 —

Mrs. Furwitz (Interposing): 2135 Lee Highway —

Mr. Trumble (Interposing): I believe you said that Ryan told

you that there was a person named Charles E. Young?

Mrs. Furwitz: That's right.

Mr. Trumble: Do you know anyone who held the position of National Executive Director of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia?

Mrs. Furwitz: No.

Mr. Trumble: Do you know of any arrangements that were made for you to assist Charles Young in connection with Communist activities?

Mrs. Furwitz: I know of no such arrangements.

Mr. Trumble: Do you know of any arrangements for you to assist any other member of the Communist Party in connection with Communist activities during that period, or any period in time?

Mrs. Furwitz: I know of no such arrangements.

Mr. Trumble: Where were you living in the month of March, 1944?

Mrs. Furwitz: 2135 Lee Highway.

Q. Reliable: During that period were you acquainted with a person named Ann Zucker?

A. Burwitz: No.

Q. Reliable: Do you know anything about a group known as the White Collar Union of the Communist Party?

A. Burwitz: Nothing.

Q. Reliable: Do you know of any members of such a group?

A. Burwitz: No.

Q. Reliable: Did you invite a person named Ann Zucker to your home to attend any meeting or meetings?

A. Burwitz: No.

Q. Reliable: In connection with your regular public duties as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the Communist Party?

A. Burwitz: No.

Q. Reliable: Do you know whether such a person appears on the official membership records, or any records, of the Communist Party?

A. Burwitz: I have no way of knowing that.

Q. Reliable: Do you know of any activities on your part, or of any papers you have signed, or meetings you've attended, that may have led members of the Communist Party to believe that you were a member of that party?

A. Burwitz: No.

Q. Reliable: I am going to ask you to state for the record that you do not know of any person who has signed any such statement, nor have you in any other way made known to anyone else that I have any such information, nor

Q. Reliable? Yes. That was trying to find out, Mrs. Gurn-
 ing, whether you now regarded my real files on your part, which
 you almost certainly would lead others, or I had have led others, to believe
 that you were a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Parentz: Well, the answer to that is, No.

Mr. Ryan: Could you elaborate on that, Mr. Murphy, could you help the Committee to arrive at an answer as to how your name became

Do not depend on all these statements that have been made known to you by a reliable source. Do not know of anyone who has a change, or who might have a change without your knowledge.

Q Now, I think, what it could have happened, but nevertheless, as far as I was not sure of any such thing, I don't think it would be proper for me to make any statement concerning any other person.

1. Will you voluntarily give information of a type about which we have been questioning you here, information that might tend to embarrass you?

James Gurewitz; 1941-1942; 1943-1944; 1945-1946; 1947-1948; 1949-1950; 1951-1952; 1953-1954; 1955-1956; 1957-1958; 1959-1960; 1961-1962; 1963-1964; 1965-1966; 1967-1968; 1969-1970; 1971-1972; 1973-1974; 1975-1976; 1977-1978; 1979-1980; 1981-1982; 1983-1984; 1985-1986; 1987-1988; 1989-1990; 1991-1992; 1993-1994; 1995-1996; 1997-1998; 1999-2000; 2001-2002; 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012; 2013-2014; 2015-2016; 2017-2018; 2019-2020; 2021-2022; 2023-2024; 2025-2026; 2027-2028; 2029-2030; 2031-2032; 2033-2034; 2035-2036; 2037-2038; 2039-2040; 2041-2042; 2043-2044; 2045-2046; 2047-2048; 2049-2050; 2051-2052; 2053-2054; 2055-2056; 2057-2058; 2059-2060; 2061-2062; 2063-2064; 2065-2066; 2067-2068; 2069-2070; 2071-2072; 2073-2074; 2075-2076; 2077-2078; 2079-2080; 2081-2082; 2083-2084; 2085-2086; 2087-2088; 2089-2090; 2091-2092; 2093-2094; 2095-2096; 2097-2098; 2099-2100; 2101-2102; 2103-2104; 2105-2106; 2107-2108; 2109-2110; 2111-2112; 2113-2114; 2115-2116; 2117-2118; 2119-2120; 2121-2122; 2123-2124; 2125-2126; 2127-2128; 2129-2130; 2131-2132; 2133-2134; 2135-2136; 2137-2138; 2139-2140; 2141-2142; 2143-2144; 2145-2146; 2147-2148; 2149-2150; 2151-2152; 2153-2154; 2155-2156; 2157-2158; 2159-2160; 2161-2162; 2163-2164; 2165-2166; 2167-2168; 2169-2170; 2171-2172; 2173-2174; 2175-2176; 2177-2178; 2179-2180; 2181-2182; 2183-2184; 2185-2186; 2187-2188; 2189-2190; 2191-2192; 2193-2194; 2195-2196; 2197-2198; 2199-2200; 2201-2202; 2203-2204; 2205-2206; 2207-2208; 2209-2210; 2211-2212; 2213-2214; 2215-2216; 2217-2218; 2219-2220; 2221-2222; 2223-2224; 2225-2226; 2227-2228; 2229-2230; 2231-2232; 2233-2234; 2235-2236; 2237-2238; 2239-2240; 2241-2242; 2243-2244; 2245-2246; 2247-2248; 2249-2250; 2251-2252; 2253-2254; 2255-2256; 2257-2258; 2259-2260; 2261-2262; 2263-2264; 2265-2266; 2267-2268; 2269-2270; 2271-2272; 2273-2274; 2275-2276; 2277-2278; 2279-2280; 2281-2282; 2283-2284; 2285-2286; 2287-2288; 2289-2290; 2291-2292; 2293-2294; 2295-2296; 2297-2298; 2299-2300; 2301-2302; 2303-2304; 2305-2306; 2307-2308; 2309-2310; 2311-2312; 2313-2314; 2315-2316; 2317-2318; 2319-2320; 2321-2322; 2323-2324; 2325-2326; 2327-2328; 2329-2330; 2331-2332; 2333-2334; 2335-2336; 2337-2338; 2339-2340; 2341-2342; 2343-2344; 2345-2346; 2347-2348; 2349-2350; 2351-2352; 2353-2354; 2355-2356; 2357-2358; 2359-2360; 2361-2362; 2363-2364; 2365-2366; 2367-2368; 2369-2370; 2371-2372; 2373-2374; 2375-2376; 2377-2378; 2379-2380; 2381-2382; 2383-2384; 2385-2386; 2387-2388; 2389-2390; 2391-2392; 2393-2394; 2395-2396; 2397-2398; 2399-2400; 2401-2402; 2403-2404; 2405-2406; 2407-2408; 2409-2410; 2411-2412; 2413-2414; 2415-2416; 2417-2418; 2419-2420; 2421-2422; 2423-2424; 2425-2426; 2427-2428; 2429-2430; 2431-2432; 2433-2434; 2435-2436; 2437-2438; 2439-2440; 2441-2442; 2443-2444; 2445-2446; 2447-2448; 2449-2450; 2451-2452; 2453-2454; 2455-2456; 2457-2458; 2459-2460; 2461-2462; 2463-2464; 2465-2466; 2467-2468; 2469-2470; 2471-2472; 2473-2474; 2475-2476; 2477-2478; 2479-2480; 2481-2482; 2483-2484; 2485-2486; 2487-2488; 2489-2490; 2491-2492; 2493-2494; 2495-2496; 2497-2498; 2499-2500; 2501-2502; 2503-2504; 2505-2506; 2507-2508; 2509-2510; 2511-2512; 2513-2514; 2515-2516; 2517-2518; 2519-2520; 2521-2522; 2523-2524; 2525-2526; 2527-2528; 2529-2530; 2531-2532; 2533-2534; 2535-2536; 2537-2538; 2539-2540; 2541-2542; 2543-2544; 2545-2546; 2547-2548; 2549-2550; 2551-2552; 2553-2554; 2555-2556; 2557-2558; 2559-2560; 2561-2562; 2563-2564; 2565-2566; 2567-2568; 2569-2570; 2571-2572; 2573-2574; 2575-2576; 2577-2578; 2579-2580; 2581-2582; 2583-2584; 2585-2586; 2587-2588; 2589-2590; 2591-2592; 2593-2594; 2595-2596; 2597-2598; 2599-2600; 2601-2602; 2603-2604; 2605-2606; 2607-2608; 2609-2610; 2611-2612; 2613-2614; 2615-2616; 2617-2618; 2619-2620; 2621-2622; 2623-2624; 2625-2626; 2627-2628; 2629-2630; 2631-2632; 2633-2634; 2635-2636; 2637-2638; 2639-2640; 2641-2642; 2643-2644; 2645-2646; 2647-2648; 2649-2650; 2651-2652; 2653-2654; 2655-2656; 2657-2658; 2659-2660; 2661-2662; 2663-2664; 2665-2666; 2667-2668; 2669-2670; 2671-2672; 2673-2674; 2675-2676; 2677-2678; 2679-2680; 2681-2682; 2683-26

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Dr. Wittenberg (continuing)

I don't have time to think of all these things.

Dr. Wittenberg: I'm sure that when you're trying to do this in so much haste, the information thereby will be able to make a report, even though it's not all accurate, Dr. Wittenberg, that these are bits of information from which my questions have been collected and as a consequence, I don't know to the extent of the information, but I'm sure that you're trying to get information if you can help in this matter, along that line, to do this and to make sure that this is done in a way that is not to spread gossip and rumors. But, on the other hand, to do real work, some of these informants, by talking to me, they say to me, they say to me, Dr. Wittenberg, to give me a little help in trying to figure this out — information has been furnished that you've attended meetings of the Communist Party — that you've been a member of that Party — that your name appeared on the official records of that Party — these names and many others we've gone over here. These are serious things, Dr. Wittenberg. Dr. Wittenberg: If I were to make such a statement, without giving a good idea myself of the persons named here, I would feel that I am being very irresponsible.

Dr. Wittenberg: The Solicitor, Dr. Wittenberg, has asked you if you know the names of any such persons, but whether there might be such people or not, Dr. Wittenberg. So far as you're concerned, you never were a member of the

Communist Party - you never joined the Communist Party - you were
involved in the work of that Party - you were involved in Communist

Party meetings - you never collected money for the Party and what
kind of work did you do?

Mr. [Name]: I was in the work.

Mr. [Name]: Now, I understand that you, Mr. [Name], came back
to the early part of the record, in your college days were there any
groups or individuals with whom you were associated, that you know of
who may have shown you to the extent that you had radical political

views?

Mr. [Name]: Well, I belonged to the Union to several organiza-
tions at school, the athletic group, and to the student body.
In addition to that, I belonged to a discussion group - I was listed in
the Union teachers' round table, and that organization discussed current
events.

Mr. [Name]: Were you considered as a leader in those groups, or
in any one of them?

Mr. [Name]: Yes.

Mr. [Name]: Will you tell us how long to that was?

Mr. [Name]: I graduated from college in 1939.

Mr. [Name]: Now, how long to that was?

Mr. [Name]: The only time I was in October, 1939. I don't say
that I think that this Union teachers' round table had any

radical functions.

Mr. [Name]: Was it a discussion group, a kind of debating

group, or was it a discussion group, which had other functions?

to be admitted included the presence of a Chinese teacher who
 was not a member of the faculty; she talked about the Chinese situation
 and the role of the students of whom she said she had a high
 opinion. Regarding our functions as to the role of teachers in different
 subjects, I was assigned to present the one about the Chinese
 situation. That evening, I was back to the school. It was a nice evening,
 and I was very happy. I was very much interested in the
 subject, and since that time, have you ever advocated communism?

Mr. Smith: Yes, I have. I have advocated the control of the
 government by the people.

Mr. Smith: I don't think I have had the opportunity to do
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if you care to elaborate on them, you are at liberty to do so. In other words, Mr. Gurnitz, you are free to make my statement that you wish, which you think should be helpful to us.

Mr. Gurnitz: I am afraid that I have said all that I could say that would be of any help - if it is even my help - and I wouldn't know how to answer my question - I am different from that which I like.

Mr. Trumble: You don't feel that you can give us any information that would be helpful in showing how you were connected with the Communist Party?

Mr. Gurnitz: The only thing that I could say in connection with that is that I have been in contact with people who might have been in any of the organizations that you have named, and I might have been that, and it may have been that the situation was such that I might have become identified through closeness of contact by something at that sort, that may have happened.

Mr. Trumble: That is the way it was about, was that due to any effort on your part, to be in contact with Communist?

Mr. Gurnitz: No, it could have been just a question of circumstances and living quarters, I guess.

Mr. Trumble: There has been no definite participation in any way in connection with any of these activities, including Communist?

Mr. Gurnitz: Partially not.

Mr. Trumble (after a pause): If there is nothing further, I believe that will be all for today, thank you very much, Mr. Gurnitz, for coming in.

John J. [unclear]
(100) [unclear] 100-100

(Cheyenne) and at 12:10 P. M. of Thursday, January 1, 1945.

(The Commission was terminated.)

RESTRICTED TO COMBUSTION

I, the within-named authority, public in and for the District of Columbia, residing at Washington, D.C. do hereby certify that William Gorewitz whose name is signed to the foregoing statement, which statement consists of pages numbered one through 18 has acknowledged the same before me, within the District of Columbia, this 22 day of January, 1945.

Wendell H. Maltster

for the District of Columbia;
September 15, 1946.

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August 28, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MRS. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ
National Bureau of Standards
INTERNAL SECURITY - RAYON ACT

Advice has been received from the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations that the above employee of the National Bureau of Standards categorically denied that she had been a member of the Communist Party. The Committee has asked for additional information, particularly with respect to each of the informants who furnished information indicating Party membership. The Committee desires to know whether the informants can amplify the information furnished and supply any additional facts and whether sound corroborating information can be prepared.

Your office should conduct further investigation in an effort to determine current activity on the part of this individual and should furnish the requested information concerning your previous informants.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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100-404849-11

November 20, 1945

Date:

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
OF EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

To:

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HATCH ACT INVESTIGATION

Subject:

Reference is made to the letter addressed to this Bureau on July 13, 1945, concerning the matter of Mrs. Helen Levine Gurewits, employee, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce. In that communication, it was requested that informants who had furnished information concerning Mrs. Gurewits be asked to amplify the information furnished and that the Committee be provided with any additional facts concerning the credibility and reliability of the informants.

The inquiry was referred to the Washington Division of this Bureau, which has now advised that no additional information could be obtained from the informants. Referring to the report of Special Agent Aker B. Harbo dated November 14, 1944, at Washington, D. C., the following is the best information which can be furnished regarding the reliability of the informants.

On page 2 of the report, [redacted] is reported as having stated he observed an organizational memorandum containing the name Helen Gurewits identified as a government employee at the Bureau of Standards, in the possession of a known member of the Communist Party. The informant observed the name and the description in the records mentioned and there is no doubt about the accuracy of the informant's statement. This Bureau, of course, cannot vouch for the accuracy of the records themselves.

In the same report, [redacted] is reported as stating that the name Helen Gurewits appeared in the indices of the Washington chapter of the American Peace Mobilization. There is no doubt about the accuracy of the informant's statement, but as in the case of the records of the Communist Party, this Bureau cannot vouch for the accuracy of the records of the American Peace Mobilization. The identical comment must be made concerning the listing of the name Helen Gurewits in the indices.

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of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action attributed to
[redacted] in Special Agent Harbo's report. b7D

You will note that [redacted] is reported
by Special Agent Harbo as having stated that a person using the
name "Mrs. Gurewitz" contacted a member of the Communist Party
during the fall of 1941 with reference to holding a meeting at
this individual's house. The accuracy of this information cannot
be disputed though no evaluation can be made of the informant's
statement that in his opinion this meeting was to be a youth meet-
ing in connection with the activities of the Communist Party. b7D

[redacted] b7D

The evaluation previously set forth concerning [redacted]
[redacted] is applicable to [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] The Bureau is positive of the fact that [redacted] b-
served the name Helen Gurewits on the official membership records
of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia, but cannot
vouch for the accuracy of the records themselves.

It is felt that the information furnished by the balance
of the informants mentioned in Special Agent Harbo's report does
not need evaluation and that the foregoing will serve the purposes
outlined in your referenced communication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 15, 1945

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: MRS. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ
National Bureau of Standards
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT
Bureau file number 100-4724

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 28, 1945, wherein this field division was requested to advise the Bureau as to whether the informants of this field division could further amplify the information previously furnished concerning the subject's membership in the Communist Party.

A review of the files of the Washington Field Division reflects that all of the informants who have previously furnished information concerning subject's actual membership in the Communist Party are informants carrying a confidential symbol whose identity is known to the Bureau. It is further pointed out that these informants are of such a nature that no further additional information concerning the Party membership could be ascertained from them.

It is noted, however, that [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau and who is regarded as highly reliable, has advised this office that subject is not at the present time a member of the open Communist Party membership or the White Collar units. This informant also advised that subject's husband is now one of the leading members of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C. b7D

The indices of the Washington Field Division failed to reflect any further activity on the part of the subject in the Communist Party.

This case is being considered closed.

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Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

Department of Justice

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TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM: Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

In the matter of: Helen Levitor Gurevitz
Employee
National Bureau of Standards
Department of Commerce

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Committee dated November 20, 1945.

As requested in the letter dated July 13, 1945 from the Chairman of the Committee to you it will be appreciated if there is returned to the Committee the original transcript of a preliminary hearing accorded the employee on January 11, 1945 before a committee of the employing agency. *AR*

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Date: January 4, 1946

To: INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: HELEN LEVINOV GUREWITZ
NATCH ACT INVESTIGATION

With reference to your memorandum of December 13, 1945, requesting the return of the original transcript of a preliminary hearing accorded the captioned employee on January 11, 1945, there is attached the desired material.

Attachment

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TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM: Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 9300 there is submitted a report of the action taken by the employing department, independent establishment, or agency in the matter of the following individual recently the subject of investigation:

In the matter of: Mrs. Helen Leviton Gurevitz
Employee
National Bureau of Standards
Department of Commerce

ACTION TAKEN: By letter dated March 15, 1946 the Director of Personnel, Department of Commerce, stated:

"The submission of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was submitted to the Department's Special Committee on Employee Investigations for their consideration. Inquiry disclosed that Mrs. Gurevitz resigned from the National Bureau of Standards on March 9, 1945. No further action is contemplated by the Department and the matter is considered closed."

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HELEN LEVITOV OUREWITZ
Department of Commerce
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For your information and the completion of your file, you are advised that the Bureau received a letter from the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations dated March 25, 1946, informing that the Department of Commerce, by letter dated March 15, 1946, stated in pertinent part:

"The submission of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was submitted to the Department's Special Committee on Employee Investigations for their consideration. Inquiry disclosed that Mrs. Ourewitz resigned from the National Bureau of Standards on March 9, 1946. No further action is contemplated by the Department and the matter is considered closed."

Any further investigation conducted concerning this individual should be handled under an Internal Security or Security Matter classification.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: February 7, 1949

Rerep of SA ROBERT E. LEONARD dated September 17, 1948, At Wash., D.C.

It has been recently ascertained through [redacted] of known reliability and a member of the Communist Party who has furnished this Office with considerable information concerning Communist activity in Washington, D.C. that CLARENCE P. GUREWITZ, also known as CASEY GUREWITZ, has been married twice and that the first names of the both wives is HELEN. Informant related that the first HELEN with whom she was not acquainted had not been active in CP circles during the past five years and that the second HELEN had been extremely active for at least 3 1/2 years.

Information in the files of this Office indicates that CLAY GUREWITZ has been separated from his first wife and that in 1945, he was awaiting for his divorce to become final so that he could remarry.

A check of the records of the Marriage License Bureau at Washington, D.C. revealed the dissolution of CASEY's marriage to HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ at Arlington, Virginia on March 5, 1945 and also his marriage to HELEN ANN SHERMAN on March 10, 1945, at Washington, D.C.

On the basis of this information, it is noted that various communications between this Office and the Bureau under the above caption refer to either one or both HELEN L. and HELEN S. GUREWITZ. This is being called to the Bureau's attention in the event that inquiries are made by other agencies concerning HELEN LEVITOV or HELEN GUREWITZ. It is requested that these inquiries be directed to the Washington Field Office.

In the meantime, a separate case file will be opened on HELEN SHERMAN GUREWITZ and the proper corrections will be made in the captioned matter. The Bureau will be furnished with corrected copies of all communications which erroneously refer to one or both HELEN GUREWITZ. P.

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Letter from New York dated October 7, 1949

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FBI has been used to reflect the Subject was engaged in Communist Party
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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She indicated she had travelled many thousands of miles to speak in their behalf, including one trip to Toronto, Canada. She charged the government of the United States with conjuring up a very flimsy case of circumstantial evidence with DAVID GREENGLASS being used as a main key witness.

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EXPEDITE PROCESSING

According to subject, due to GREENGLASS' being guilty of some other crime he had been willing to "become a stooge for the F.B.I." in order to escape a stiffer sentence and that the F.B.I. in looking around for some one "to be the fall guy" had selected the ROSENBERGS. She indicated that her husband who is presently serving a thirty year sentence in Alcatraz could have gotten off with a much lighter sentence had he testified against the innocent ROSENBERGS.

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Mrs. SOBOL returned to Washington, D.C. via Greyhound Bus leaving Richmond, Virginia 11:45 p.m. (EST) to return to Washington, D.C.

The above data is being supplied for the Bureau's information. It is to be noted that apparently no concrete results were obtained as a result of her visit to Richmond

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CASE ORIGINATED AT: **NEW YORK** FILE NO. **100-464849**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/25/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/5-11/51	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN A. HARRINGTON
TITLE: HELEN SOBELL, was; Mrs. Helen Sobell; Mrs. Morton Sobell; Helen Levitov; Helen Levitov Gurewitz; Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz; Mrs. Casey Gurewitz			CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY - MATTER OF AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject was born 3/3/18, was married to CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ 2/21/38 and divorced on 3/5/45. One child, SIDNEY R. GUREWITZ, was born of this marriage. She was married to MORTON SOBELL on 3/19/45 at Washington, DC. She has been reported to have been a member of the CP and the YCL in Washington, DC. In signed statement she denied membership in or participation in the activities of the CP or the CFA. Her first husband, CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ, was reported to be a member of the CP in the District of Columbia. Her husband, MORTON SOBELL, was indicted in the SLAY together with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG for conspiracy to commit Espionage on behalf of the USSR. Her husband was convicted on 3/29/51 and on 4/5/51 was sentenced to a term of thirty years and is currently incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. Since October 1951, she has been continuously active in the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. She has made speeches on behalf of the ROSENBERGS and her husband in many cities from the East to the West Coast. Her last known address was at 506 West 135th Street, NYC.

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME HELEN SOBELLALIASES Mrs. Helen Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell, Helen Levitov,Helen Levitov, Gurewitz, Mrs. Clarence D. Gurewitz,Mrs. Casey GurewitzNATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

National Committee to Secure Justice in the RosenbergCase, 1050 6th Avenue, New York City

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 506 West 135th Street, NYC, or 2400 Davidson
Avenue, c/o LOUIS SOBELL, Bronx, NYRECORDED-39
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DETAILS:

I BASIS OF INVESTIGATION

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the name HELEN GUREWITZ, identified as a Government employee at the Bureau of Standards, appeared in an organizational memorandum in the possession of a known member of the Communist Party. b7D

II PERSONAL HISTORY

The records of [redacted] another governmental agency engaged in personnel investigations, reflect that HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ was born March 3, 1918 at Washington, D. C. These records indicate that her maiden name was HELEN LEVITOV. Her parents were listed as MAX LEVITOV, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, and her mother as ROSE ETEN LEVITOV, of the same address. Her father was born in Russia in 1885 and her mother was born in Russia in 1889. Mrs. H. Levitov Va.

On February 21, 1938, HELEN LEVITOV was married to CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ.

The records of the Marriage License Bureau at Washington, D. C., reflect that she was divorced from CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ at Arlington, Virginia, on March 5, 1945 and was awarded custody of their child, SYDNEY P. GUREWITZ.

The records of the County Clerk, Arlington County Court House, Arlington, Virginia, reflect that the subject was married to MORTON SOBELL on March 10, 1945 in Arlington, Virginia. Calif. Met. Va.

Education

[redacted] advised that the subject attended McKinley Technical High School from 1931 to 1934 and the Wilson Teachers College at Washington, D. C., from 1934 to 1939. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the latter institution in 1939.

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4833 Reservoir Road, Washington, D. C.,
February 1941 to January 1943.

2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia,
January 1943 to March 1945.

411 Division Street, Schenectady, New York,
March 1945 to June 1947.

600 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, New York,
June 15, 1947 to July 7, 1947,
when she applied for employment.

The records of the Reeves Instrument Company also reflected she attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from March 1946 to June 1947. These same records indicated she had visited Mexico in July 1938 and Canada in July 1946, in each instance as a tourist.

While she and her husband were employed at the Reeves Instrument Company, they resided at 164-17 73d Avenue, Flushing, New York.

On June 22, 1950, she and her husband and daughter flew to Mexico City. On August 17, 1950, her husband was deported from Mexico and on August 18, 1950, he was arrested by Bureau agents at Laredo, Texas. Thereafter her home at 164-17 73d Avenue was sold and she resided with LOUIS and ROSE SOBELL, parents of her husband, at 240 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, New York. In the Spring of 1952, she moved to 506 West 135th Street, New York City.

The records of the Federal House of Detention reflect that she gave this address as late as November 25, 1952.

The writer observed this address and it is a large tenement house, six stories high and has been converted into a rooming house.

The records of the Federal House of Detention reflected that at one time the subject indicated she lived in Apartment 3 at the above address.

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[REDACTED] fact that she has been traveling throughout the country making speeches in connection with the NCSJRC; the latter organization is being considered as her employer. The address of this committee is 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

This committee was formed after a series of articles appeared in the newspaper, the "National Guardian" commencing in August 1951. These articles were written by WILLIAM A. REUBEN.

On January 1, 1952, the formation of the committee was announced to the press with JOSEPH BRAININ as Chairman and DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary. The stated purposes of this committee were to secure funds to prosecute the appeal of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL, to secure new trials for them, or to secure clemency for them.

It is noted that the ROSENBERGS were legally executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison, New York, on June 19, 1953.

The 1949 Report of a California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a "publication launched in New York City in 1946, aiming at national circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content." (1949 Report of California Senate Fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

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III. COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that he had observed an organizational memorandum in the possession of a known member of the Communist Party [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the name of HELEN GUREWITZ, identified therein as a government employee at the Bureau of Standards, appeared in the memorandum above mentioned.

CLARENCE DARROW GUREWITZ, former husband of subject and whose nickname is "CASEY", was the secretary of the Communist Political Association in the District of Columbia, according to a letterhead of such organization in the year 1944.

The Communist Party is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Concerning the Communist Political Association, the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. Cited as a 'subversive,' 'Communist' organization which sought 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.'

(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 21, 1948.)

"2. * * * after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945.

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 209, April 1, 1947, p. 29.)"

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the name HELEN GUREWITZ appeared in the active indices of the Washington Chapter of the American Peace Mobilization. Informant further advised that the name CLARENCE GUREWITZ likewise appeared in the above mentioned indices. The name of this organization was later changed to the American Peoples Mobilization after Germany invaded Russia June 21, 1941.

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Regarding the American Peace Mobilization, the following is contained in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)

"2. 'Formed in the summer of 1940 under the auspices of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League as a 'front' organization designed to mold American opinion against participation in the war against Germany. * * * The most conspicuous activity of American Peace Mobilization was the picketing of the White House, which began in April, 1941, in protest against lend-lease and the entire national defense program * * * on the afternoon of June 21, 1941, he (Frederick V. Field, national secretary) suddenly called off the picket line around the White House.'

(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7684.)

"3. Cited as 'one of the most seditious organizations which even operated in the United States' and 'instrument of the Communist Party prior to Hitler's attack on Russia.'

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 5; also cited in Reports, June 25, 1942, p. 13; and January 2, 1943, pp. 8 and 9.)

"4. Cited as a Communist front.

(United States Secretary of Labor, decision in the case of HELEN MILLER, August 1, 1941.)

"5. 'One of the boldest and most flagrant of all Communist fronts * * * organized for the purpose of supporting Soviet Russia during the Stalin-Hitler pact.'

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 161.)

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- "6. Cited as a 'Communist-controlled, pseudo-pacifist group.'
(Rapp-Coudert Committee, Report, 1942, p. 221.)

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the names HELEN GUREWITZ and CLARENCE GUREWITZ of 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, were listed in the indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. This organization is the successor to the American Peoples Mobilization.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the Washington Committee for Democratic Action:

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. An 'affiliate' or 'local chapter' of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. 'The program of the Washington committee followed that of the national federation. National Communist leaders have addressed its meetings, and conferences sponsored by it have been attended by representatives of prominent Communist-front organizations.' Many of its members were active in the American Peace Mobilization.
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pp. 7688 and 7689.)
- "3. 'When the American League for Peace and Democracy was dissolved in February 1940 its successor in Washington was called the Washington Committee for Democratic Action.' The latter was affiliated with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities Reports, June 25, 1942, p. 22, and March 29, 1944, p. 143.)
- "4. Cited as a Communist front.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, pp. 335 and 342.)"

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Informant further advised that in September 1943, one [REDACTED] had taken the position of membership director of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia and that arrangements had been made within the party for HELEN GUREWITZ to assist [REDACTED] in handling the bookkeeping connected with the membership activities of the party. b7C

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that in March of 1944, HELEN GUREWITZ was acquainted with one [REDACTED] the wife of a known member of the Communist Party and who was active among the white collar workers of the Communist Party. b7D

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[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that in May, 1944, he observed the official membership records of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia and the name HELEN GUREWITZ, 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, appeared therein with the names of other individuals designated therein and by the informant as connected with the White Collar Workers Branch number 12 of the Communist Party. b7D

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[redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] had been acquainted with Mrs. GUREWITZ and on the basis of her college activities believes that she was a "liberal" but not a "radical". [redacted] recalled no statements made by subject that would lead her to believe that she was a Communist. Informant recalled that subject had been president of the Round Table during one of the years she attended Wilson Teachers College. Informant advised that this group usually discussed social problems and quite often discussed the governmental structure of Russia. Informant advised that the Round Table was organized to take care of students at the college who desired some form to express their social and economic viewpoints. [redacted] did not recall subject expressed herself as radically as other members of the Round Table had been known to express themselves at times. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that he was unable to recall any specific statements made by subject during the time she attended Wilson Teachers College with reference to her social and economic viewpoints. He considered her, however, as part of the "student opposition" to the college administration. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised they were acquainted with the subject when she attended Wilson College but could not supplement or add to the information given by informants [redacted] above. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that he had known subject since she came to work for the Bureau of Standards. He stated his only contact with her was during working hours and he observed nothing that would indicate that she was not a loyal citizen of this country. He had no information that would indicate she was a member of the Communist Party and had no knowledge of any of her activities outside of the office. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that subject had performed a high grade of work for the Bureau of Standards but had no other information concerning her or her activities. b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, provide the same information as given by [redacted] b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] had known subject for about ten years but was not in very close contact with her. [redacted] advised that she knew of nothing that would indicate that subject was not a loyal American. b7D

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IV. INTERVIEW AND STATEMENT SIGNED BY SUBJECT DENYING MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNIST PARTY

On November 3, 1944, HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ was afforded an interview at the Washington Field Office. The stenographic notes of the interview were transcribed and on November 8, 1944, she returned to the Washington Field Office, at which time she read the statement, stated it was correct, signed the second page and initialed the first page. The original copy of this statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. Her statement is as follows:

Interview with Mrs. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ at the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, November 3, 1944, in the presence of Special Agent LOGAN J. LANE and Stenographer PHYLLIS H. THOMPSON, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Questions by Agent LANE.

Mr. LANE: Mrs. GUREWITZ, we have requested your voluntary appearance here today, not for the purpose of conducting a hearing but in order that you may answer some questions concerning an investigation currently being made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to enable you to make such comments as you might wish to make concerning this inquiry. You may decline to answer any questions propounded to you. As you may be aware, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is required by Presidential Directive to investigate matters coming within the purview of Public Law No. 252, 76th Congress. This law prohibits membership on the part of any Federal employee in a political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States. A copy of the report of this investigation, which will include your statement, will be furnished the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations and the agency by which you are employed.

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After the notes of the interview have been transcribed you will be given an opportunity to read them and make such changes as you may desire.

In order that the statements made by you may have particular credence, you will be placed under oath if you have no objection.

Q. Will you please stand and raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

A. I do.

Q. What is your name, please?

A. HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ.

Q. And what is your present address?

A. 2135 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Q. By what department of the United States Government are you employed?

A. It is the Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards.

Q. And in what particular capacity?

A. I am a physicist.

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. I am not and I never have been.

Q. Do you now or have you ever participated in the activities of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. I have not.

Q. Are you a member of any organization which you have reason to believe is dominated by the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association?

A. None whatsoever.

Q. Are you a member of any organization which you have reason to believe may be controlled by or its policies dictated by a foreign government?

A. No.

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Q. Do you presently advocate or have you ever advocated any change in the constitutional form of government which we have in the United States

A. No

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, do you desire to relate the names of organizations, other than labor unions or churches, in which you presently hold membership?

A. I don't believe there are any such. There are no such. I am chairman of a Red Cross knitting group but would that fall in that category?

Mr. LANE: Well, you can just list any organizations you desire.

A. That would be the only thing.

Q. Mrs. GUREWITZ, is there anything further that you would like to say which you feel may be pertinent to this inquiry and which may be necessary to fully clarify the circumstances surrounding it? Any voluntary statement on your part that you would like to make will be included.

A. I don't know of anything else pertinent to this that I might have to say.

s/ HELEN L. GUREWITZ

WITNESS:

s/ LOGAN J. LANE, FBI
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Field Office on December 26, 1950, and furnished the following signed statement.

Washington, D. C.
December 28, 1950

"I [redacted] make the following statement to ROBERT E. PAUL, JOHN E. HOWARD, and LEWIS E. GLENN, who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made, and I realize it

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"can be used in a court of law. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement and that I have a right to be represented by an attorney.

"I am personally acquainted with a man by the name of CASEY GUREWITZ and I know that he has been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia. I knew CASEY GUREWITZ' first wife, HELEN, from about 1940 until I went into the Army in September, 1943. During the time I knew this HELEN GUREWITZ she was a member of the Young Communist League in the District of Columbia. I know this because I was also a member of the Young Communist League, as well as being a member of the Communist Party, during the time HELEN GUREWITZ (CASEY's first wife) was a member. To the best of my recollection I have attended meetings of the Young Communist League at which the first HELEN GUREWITZ was present. It is also my recollection that she represented her Young Communist League club on the City Committee of the Communist Party.

"When I returned to Washington from being in the Army, which was in December, 1945, I learned that the former HELEN GUREWITZ had married a man by the name of MORTON SOBELL and they were living somewhere in New York and he was working for some electrical company. I have not seen the former HELEN GUREWITZ since I left in September, 1943, to go into the Army. I do not know any of the members of her family, although I do seem to recall meeting a sister of hers on one occasion at the home of CASEY GUREWITZ during the time he and his first wife resided on Reservoir Road in Washington, D. C.

"I vaguely recall that the former HELEN GUREWITZ was an officer in the Young Communist League club of which she was a member, possibly secretary. I cannot recall any specific dates on which she attended meetings of the Young Communist League, but it is my recollection that she was very active in the League and attended meetings regularly. Meetings of the Young Communist League were held during that time at 1421 T Street N. W. in Washington, D. C., and it is my recollection that she attended some meeting at that address.

"I have never met MORTON SOBELL and do not know him at all. I had heard about him prior to the time I went into

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"the Army and I seem to recall that I had heard he was very anti-Communist; therefore, I was surprised when I read in the paper that he had been arrested on a charge of espionage. I have been shown a photograph of MORTON SOBELL and although his face looks familiar, I do not recognize him as being anyone I know. I have also been shown a photograph of HELEN SOBELL and I recognize her as being the first wife of CASEY GUREWITZ and the person I have described above as being a member of the Young Communist League.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and found it to be a true statement of what I said.

WITNESSES:

"ROBERT H. PAUL, JR.

Special Agent, FBI

JOHN E. HOWARD

Special Agent, FBI, Wash. D. C. 12/28/50

LEWIS E. GLEN

Special Agent, F.B.I., Washington, D. C. 12/28/50"

[REDACTED] advised that although he would prefer not to testify in connection with this case because of the publicity he would undoubtedly receive, he would be willing to testify to the contents of the above statement if he is subpoenaed.

V. INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

At Schenectady, New York

[REDACTED] HELEN SOBELL had been employed as an Engineering Assistant in the Production Section of the Electro Mechanical Division of the General Engineering and Consulting Laboratory from March 29, 1945, to May 14, 1946, when she was granted a leave of absence to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He advised she submitted her resignation on June 10, 1946. On her application dated March 29, 1945, she listed her name as HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ SOBELL, residing at 411 Division Street, Schenectady, New York. She

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stated that she was born March 13, 1918, at Washington, D. C., and that her parents were born in Russia. She was described as 5' 1", 112 pounds, and had Social Security Number 230-16-0049. She listed the following education:

Langley and Gage Elementary School - Attended 8 years, graduated 1931.
 McKinley Tech - 3 years, graduated 1934.
 Wilson Technical College - 4 years, graduated 1939,
 BS in Science and Mathematics.

Under former employment she stated she had been employed from September, 1940, to September, 1941, by JOSEPH GUREWITZ, 2214- 38th Street, Washington, D. C. She stated that Mr. GUREWITZ was her immediate supervisor, that she was employed as a Sales Manager at 65¢ per hour, and that she had left this position because she had little chance for advancement. She advised that she was employed from January 2, 1942, to March 9, 1945, by the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., under the supervision of Dr. I. C. GARDNER, that she worked on refractive index lens design, and that she received \$1.20 per hour. She advised that she left this position to move to Schenectady.

She listed the immediate members of her family as follows:

Husband.....	MORTON SOBELL 411 Division Street employed by the General Electric Company.
Daughter.....	SYDNEY GUREWITZ 411 Division Street
Father.....	MAX LEVITOV, Grocer 2135 Lee Highway Arlington, Virginia
Mother.....	ROSE ETEN LEVITOV 2135 Lee Highway Arlington, Virginia
Brother.....	JOSEPH LEVITOV Washington, D. C.
Brother.....	A. L. LEVITOV Washington, D. C.
Brother.....	DAVID LEVITOV Philippine Islands

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Sister.....EDITH LEVITOV
2135 Lee Highway
Arlington, Virginia

Under time spent outside of the United States, she indicated that she had spent ten days in Mexico on a vacation, dates not given. Under a heading, Additional Details of Experiences, she listed the following:

College Algebra,
Calculus, Differential and
Integral,
Differential Equations,
General Chemistry,
Organic Chemistry,
Quantitative Analysis,
General Biology,
Introductory Physics,
General Physics,
Mechanics,
Optics,
Laboratory Technique,
Calculating Machines,
Slide Rule, and
Computing Machines

The file reflected that during the course of her application, she produced a birth certificate showing her birth on March 13, 1918, at Washington, D. C., and she stated that she had married MORTON SOBELL at Arlington, Virginia, on March 10, 1945. The file also reflected that she had produced a birth certificate of SYDNEY F. GUREWITZ, the daughter of CLARENCE D. GUREWITZ and HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ, born October 21, 1939, at Washington, D. C. The file reflected that she was employed as a Laboratory Assistant in Building 5, at \$35.00 per week. On October 1, 1945, she was paid at the rate of \$38.00 per week, and on December 31, 1945, was paid at the rate of \$42.00 a week, until the date of her resignation.

A record of absences for HELEN SOBELL was secured from these records is as follows:

Personal Illness

Week ending 6/24/45 - 3 days
week ending 7/1/45 -- 2 days
week ending 12/16/45 -1 day

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Other reasons (not stated in record)

Week ending 6/3/45 - 4 days
 week ending 6/10/45 - 3 days
 week ending 8/12/45 - 5 days
 week ending 11/11/45 - 4 days
 week ending 1/6/46 - 3 days

Death in the Family

Week ending 9/23/45 - 2 days
 week ending 9/30/45 - 2 days

Vacation

None listed

HELEN SOBELL had been employed as an Engineering Assistant in development work in the Products Section of the Electro Mechanical Division. [REDACTED] she worked immediately under the supervision of [REDACTED]. A review of her personnel file [REDACTED] reflecting upon her loyalty. [REDACTED] was acquainted with HELEN SOBELL, and considered her to be a person of good technical ability, intelligence, and well informed, but stated that she had an unfortunate ability to antagonize her fellow employees in her dealings with them. b7D

[REDACTED] HELEN SOBELL was employed there. He advised that he had limited contact with her. He stated that he had no reason at any time to question her loyalty, and had no doubt that she may have compromised any information available to her in the course of her duties. He advised she had no access to any restricted information or material during her employment with the General Electric and Consulting Laboratory. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that HELEN SOBELL had worked [REDACTED] for a period of one year. He b7D

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stated that she was a capable and efficient employee of good technical ability. He stated she was very industrious, but was inclined to be antagonistic and very tactless in her dealings with fellow employees. He stated that she was assigned as an Engineering Assistant, and worked on certain tests in connection with the damping characteristics of silicon oils. He advised that he had no reason or occasion to question her loyalty and stated that she never appeared to be unduly curious, or seeking information in addition to that connected with her own application.

[redacted] and [redacted] both former fellow employees of HELEN SOBELL, advised that they had considerable contact with her during the course of her employment at the General Electric Company. They stated they had no occasion to question her loyalty at any time and had no reason to suspect that she might have been attempting to secure information against the best interests of either the country or the General Electric Company. b7D

[redacted] advised that she had considerable contact with HELEN SOBELL during the course of her employment at General Electric Company and stated that she never had any occasion to question her loyalty. b7D

[redacted] advised that her records reflect that HELEN SOBELL failed to return to the company her patent notebook, which had been issued to her at the beginning of her employment and in which all employees make personal notations concerning their various experiments and ideas as a proof of such work in the event of any need of verification for patent matters. She stated that in her opinion, HELEN SOBELL would not have had much occasion to make use of this patent book in her position as Engineering Assistant. b7D

[redacted] advised that he had limited contact with HELEN SOBELL during the period of her employment in his Division, stating he had absolutely no reason or occasion to question her loyalty either to the country or to the General Electric Company. b7D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that both MORTON and HELEN SOBELL impressed her as being industrious, ambitious people of good technical ability, but entirely tactless in their dealings with their fellow employees and associates. She stated she had no reason to question the loyalty of either MORTON or HELEN either to the country or to the General Electric Company. b7D

At Troy, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA MARION E. CREEK:

[REDACTED] Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, produced records of HELEN SOBELL which reflected that she entered Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on March 5, 1946, in a special course in the Physics Department, and withdrew on February 13, 1947. There was a notation to the effect that a transcript of her record had been sent to Columbia University on March 31, 1947, at her request. The records reflected that Mrs. SOBELL maintained an extremely high average in the special course in the Physics Department. b7D

The following references were listed by Mrs. SOBELL:

Dr. ELLIS HAWORTH	Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C.
Dr. L. W. TILTON	National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.
Dr. R. O. PEHR	General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York

[REDACTED] b7D

VI. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC)

The "National Guardian" and the "Daily Worker" have reported since October, 1951, the activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.